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Christina Smith
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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Re: CP 1242 Status Report

Dear Judge Smith,

As I reported in my letter of January 11, 2006, the parties met again in settlement discussions on January 20, 2006. The discussions were good ones and the parties reached settlement in principle. As such, staff will circulate a draft proposed order early this week to the parties written in accordance with the agreement reached on January 20th. Assuming all parties agree that the draft is acceptable, staff will then formally file a "Proposed Order" in the next week or so for your review, accompanied by a request that the Commission issue a Final Order consistent with the Proposed Order.

Sincerely,

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cc: all parties
MTW:nal/GENP0356

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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3 I certify that on January 23, 2006, I served the foregoing upon the parties hereto by
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